

SWINDLES STORES AND IS ARRESTED

Well Dressed Woman Successfully Works Game on Merchants of Rock Island and Davenport.

NOT PROSECUTED IN THIS CITY

Released Here, Mrs. Anna Larson Returns Across River and Tries Same Scheme Again Today.

A woman went into McCabe's store Tuesday afternoon and selected merchandise to the value of \$50. Then she picked out a hat. She said that she would wear the bonnet, but that the other goods should be delivered to an address on Seventh street. She told the clerks to charge the bill, giving the name of a prominent Davenport man.

When a deliveryman stopped at the address he found a vacant lot. Rock Island police arrested her, but as no one urged prosecution she was released.

Today she was arrested in Davenport after having successfully staged a similar game in two department stores. She is to be prosecuted by the Davenport Rating company and the county attorney.

She gave her name to the police of both cities as Mrs. Anna Larson. She is well dressed and appears to be about 25 years old.

When she was released by Rock Island police Tuesday afternoon she returned to Davenport, where she lives. This morning she went into Neuman's store on Second street, Davenport. She selected \$40 worth of merchandise, giving the name of Mrs. Voss. From Neuman's she went to M. L. Parker's, where she was selecting some merchandise when she was recognized as having previously perpetrated a similar game. The police were called and she was taken to the station.

Believed Mentally Unsound.
She is to be questioned closely by Davenport authorities before action is taken. It is probable that a charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses will be preferred against her.

Police have an idea that the woman is slightly demented. They are trying to identify her as a Mrs. Larson who several years ago separated from her husband.

3 GAMES STAGED IN AIKEN CHAPEL HALL

Following are the results in the basketball games staged at the Aiken Street chapel gym last night:

Aiken Seniors 22, German Evangelical 17.
Aiken Girls 9, Fifteenth Avenue Christian Girls 7.
German Evangelical Juniors 21, Tigers 7.

By virtue of their victory over the Tigers, the German Evangelical Juniors claim the city lightweight basketball title. The Juniors line up as follows: R. Patton and J. Schmidt, guards; P. Vogt, center; W. Moltzen, A. Behn and B. Hillmer, forwards.

BRITISH STEAMER IS SUNK BY PRIZE CREW

London, Feb. 24. — The British steamer Westburn, which reports received last night from Santa Cruz, Tenerife (Canary Islands) said had reached that port in charge of a German prize crew and carrying 295 prisoners taken from various vessels captured by a German sea raider believed to be the Moewe, has been sunk outside Santa Cruz harbor by her captors. This is the news received today in a message from Santa Cruz. After landing their prisoners in Santa Cruz the German crew put to sea again in the Westburn and sank their prize, the message stated.

QUIT MEAT WHEN KIDNEYS BOTHER

Take a Glass of Salts if Your Back Hurts or Bladder Troubles You.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidney or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

Harper House pharmacy.—(Adv.)

LORIMER FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM



William Lorimer, sketched in court.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Once a United States senator and president of a big Chicago bank, a millionaire and a personage of influence in this city, William Lorimer, his fortunes reversed, is today fighting for his liberty in a Chicago court. He is charged with conspiracy to wreck the Lorimer-Munday chain of banks. His partner, Charles B. Munday, is under sentence of five years on the same charge.

Lorimer's rise to fame and fortune was almost as rapid as his descent. From newsboy to political power in Chicago was only a matter of a few years. With political power came wealth. Then he was sent to the United States senate. At about the same time he was chosen president of

a big Chicago bank. An investigation of the methods he employed to win his election to the senate resulted in his being ousted from that body. Within a short time after that his bank closed, with a loss of more than \$4,000,000 to creditors and depositors.

Lorimer's friends of five years ago are not helping him now. Their money and influence are not at his disposal. He is fighting the game alone. Yet he is hopeful that he will escape the fate which overtook his partner.

"I'm standing trial for the simple reason I want vindication," says Lorimer. "If I had chosen not to go on trial, I could have escaped, as there isn't evidence enough to hold me a minute. But I want to be cleared."

VISITING CLERGY AT ANNIVERSARY

Drs. Bovard and Agnew to Assist in Observance of Dedication of Methodist Annex.

In observance of the first anniversary of the dedication of the new annex of the First Methodist church the members have arranged for special services to mark the day next Sunday. The Sunday school will convene at 2:30 and after a short opening service the members of the adult classes will convene in the lecture room where Rev. W. S. Bovard, D. D., of Chicago, will address them. Dr. Bovard is superintendent of the Men's Brotherhood and of the adult department of the Methodist Sunday school board. At the hour of morning worship, in addition to the usual opening service, a song will be sung by the boys of the junior department of the school and another by the girls of the same department. The sermon will be preached by Dr. Bovard.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a meeting of the Sunday school men of the city in the annex which will be addressed by Dr. Bovard. The men of the different churches have already been invited to this service and the response has been such that a splendid meeting is anticipated. All men of the city are invited to this meeting.

Miss Helen Hazard will lead the Epworth league meeting at 6:30 when the topic will be "The Gold of God." It is expected that Rev. W. D. Agnew, D. D., president of Hedding college, Abingdon, Ill., will be in the services of the day and assist and he will preach the sermon at the hour of evening worship. This service is in the nature of a mid-winter rally and it is expected that every department of the church will be benefited by it.

The ladies of the church have arranged for an anniversary supper to be served from 3:30 to 8 o'clock tomorrow evening in the church dining room. A musical program has been prepared and will be given in the annex during the evening.

GIRL HIT BY AUTO IS ONLY BRUISED

Scores of Pedestrians Turn Their Heads as Machine Bears Down on Margaret Etzel.

Scores of pedestrians near Fifteenth street and Second avenue, Rock Island, late yesterday afternoon turned their heads to avoid seeing what they thought would be the death of a little school girl as an automobile bore down upon her.

When they looked again the driver of the machine was lifting Margaret Etzel from the pavement. She had been knocked prone on the street and badly bruised. She is a daughter of Fred C. E. Etzel, 423 Third street. The name of the driver of the car is not known.

Margaret and her little brother, who attend St. Joseph's parochial school, were at the corner waiting for a street car. She grasped her brother by the hand and started towards the street car track. An auto-

mobile was approaching. The little fellow pulled back towards the sidewalk and she followed. As the machine drew nearer the boy broke loose and the driver tried to swerve the automobile between them. The fender of the machine struck the girl, but knocked her from in front of the car. The driver stopped the machine, picked her up and placed her in the car. He drove her to her home.

ASKS ACCOUNTING OF HIS PARTNER

William G. Cook Declares Laundry Books Have Not Been Balanced For Months.

Bill for an accounting was filed in circuit court yesterday afternoon by William G. Cook against George W. Hill. The men have been operating the Twin-City Wet Wash laundry at 4329 Sixth avenue. Claim is made by the plaintiff that since Oct. 5, 1915, when the copartnership was formed, the books of the concern have never been balanced.

According to the plaintiff, the agreement was made that Cook, who had 25 years experience as a practical laundry man, was to superintend the business while the defendant was to furnish the capital and act as business manager, the two men to share equally in the profits.

Charge is made by the plaintiff that the defendant has taken considerably more than his share out of the concern and action is brought to restrain the defendant from interfering in any way with the conduct of the business until the matter is heard in court. J. F. Witter and Clyde Walker are counsel for Mr. Cook.

PREFERS JAIL BIRD TO HIS RELATIVES

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 24.—J. Jamison, a Des Moines laborer, is in prison today because he would rather be there than live with objectionable relatives.

Early this morning he called the police and asked them to send a patrol wagon to his home after him.

"What do you want to go to jail for?" he was asked.
"I can't get along with my relatives," was the reply.

The patrol wagon was sent and Jamison was hauled to police headquarters. The police say he wasn't intoxicated and that he probably will be allowed to remain at the prison as long as he desires.

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IT'S A GREAT SHOW

NEWS NOTES from MOVIELAND

Constance Collier, who showed her ability as a screen actress in "The Tongues of Men," is working on her second photoplay, "The Code of Marcia Gray," written for her by Frank Lloyd. In the cast are Forrest Stanley and Harry DeVine. Director Lloyd is sparing neither pains nor expense to obtain proper backgrounds, and several magnificent interiors have been built. Recently, when Miss Collier, Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree and Herbert Standing, all famous on the English stage, met at the Morocco studios, the discovery was made that while Sir Herbert gave Miss Collier her first chance, he had obtained his first part through Standing's influence.

Mildred Gregory in "According to Law."

Mildred Gregory, at one time leading woman for Romaine Fielding with the Lubin company, has now taken her place as a Gaumont leading woman with the casting of "According to the Law."

Miss Gregory's latest work on the screen is in "Bond Women." Although not the leading woman in this production, she has a part which fully demonstrates her skill.

The Gaumont Mutual Masterpicture, "According to the Law," takes Miss Gregory as the heroine through the divorce court when a word or a look from her husband would have saved years of suffering.

Many of the scenes of this photoplay are being made in the Everglades of Florida. "According to the Law" will be Gaumont's first March release.

An aspirant to histrionic face recently appeared at the World Film studios in the form of a huge, ink-black "cull'd gen'man." He applied to Director Barry O'Neil for a job as an extra.

"Sorry," replied the director after looking the applicant over, "I couldn't possibly use you—this is a night scene."

Robert Mantell is working in the second William Fox picture to be enacted in the tropics by the com-



Constance Collier.

Another famous star of the legitimate stage who has responded to the lure of the silent drama.

pany of which he is the star. It is a story whose scenes are laid in Italy, India and France, and includes in its personnel Genevieve Hamper, Stuart Holmes, Claire Whitney, Henry Leone, William Gerard and Franklin B. Coates, the author.

Violet Mersereau no longer is called the youngest leading lady of the movies. That title passes to a 14-year-old who has a birth record in indelible ink to prove her claim. She's Edith Roberts.

Mabel Taliaferro, who makes her debut with the Metro in "The Price of Happiness," was never in a theatre until after she was 16 years old.

The Theatre

ILLINOIS.
Feb. 24—"Seven Hours in New York."

Feb. 26—Hyams and McIntyre in "My Home Town Girl."
March 3-5—Lyman H. Howe's Travel Festival.

EMPIRE.
Waller Stock company in popular plays. Performances daily at 8:15 p. m.

COLUMBIA.
Vaudeville (Davenport). Two performances daily, at 2:45 and 8:15. Three Saturday and Sunday, at 2:45, 7:30 and 9 o'clock.

SPENCER SQUARE.
Thursday—Alice Brady in "The Woman in 47," Pathe Weekly picture news.

Saturday—Robert Warwick in "Fruits of Desire," Bray's cartoons.
Sunday—Jackie Saunders in "Shrine of Happiness," ninth episode of "The Red Circle."

MAJESTIC.
Wednesday and Thursday—Triangle plays—Norma Talmadge in "The Missing Link," and Sam Bernard and Mae Busch in the Keystone comedy, "Because He Loved Her So."

Friday—Earle Williams and Anita Stewart in "My Lady's Slipper."

Saturday—"The Dust of Egypt."

THE BEST.
Thursday—"Juror Number Seven"; "Keeping It Dark."

Friday—"Idols of Clay"; "Her Speedy Affair."

Saturday—"The Sacrifice of Jonathan"; "Lizzie's Shattered Dreams."

Sunday—"The Supreme Test."

BLACK HAWK.
Thursday—"Wasted Lives," Marguerite Courtot in "The Ancient Coin."

Friday—"The Money Gulf," "Crossed Wires."

Saturday—"The Glory of Youth."

Sunday—"A Child of God," Henry Walthall in "Blind Justice."

COLONIAL.
Thursday—"Primitive Strain," and George Ade fable.

Saturday—"Bill Peter's Kid," Vitagraph feature, and "Cured."

Sunday—"The Smugglers."

AMERICAN.
Thursday—"A Soul Enslaved."

Friday—"A Scandal at Sea," "Missy," "Flivver."

Saturday—"The Little Mascot," "When Three Is a Crowd," "Babbling Tongues," "Graft—The Insurance Swindlers."

Sunday—"Across the Rio Grande," "Pants and Petticoats," "Slightly Mistaken," "The Underworld."

AT THE EMPIRE.
Starting today, the Waller Players at the Empire will appear in the great drama of love and war, "A Russian Romance." The play is the first costume play so far produced by the company at the Empire and will prove a distinct novelty for local theatre-goers. A war play is decidedly appropriate

"Mother Jones"

"The Angel of the Miners"

Will Speak

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Price 10 Cents.

sensation. The play was produced by the Frohman Amusement corporation for the Equitable program, and is in every way up to the standard set by the Equitable's recent and forthcoming releases.

AT THE ILLINOIS.

"The public taste in amusements, more discriminating than ever since the advent of the moving pictures, presents some curious results," says the press agent. "It is admitted that the movies have made countless thousands of theatre-lovers heretofore strangers to the temple of Thespian. The pictures fill the want of melodrama, but the voice of song cannot be reproduced on the screen. Perhaps this accounts for the greater than ever popularity of musical comedy. This is the second season for the big laughing song play 'Seven Hours in New York.' It was necessary to make the fight for recognition solely on merit, and right royally has it succeeded. The entire tour has been a series of artistic and box office triumphs. The performance, for which the entire production is carried makes good right from opening number to the last big grouping, sending the delighted audience home with fragments of the pretty musical numbers lingering in their ears. 'Seven Hours in New York' will be seen at the Illinois theatre tonight."

Something new and refreshing in musical comedy is the new success in which John Hyams and Leila McIntyre are appearing, "My Home Town Girl," which will come to the Illinois theatre next Saturday. Showers of maidens in gowns of latest creation and scenic investiture of startling effect, added to a clever and novel book by Frank M. Stammers with lyrics that ripple off in original rhymes, set to agreeable music and more than well sung by the principals. That prevailing and novel form of entertainment, the fashion show, will have to reach a new standard hereafter, for the feminine eye will never see more cleverly designed creations on more shapely models than are to be seen in this play, which is a true lesson in harmony of scenic presentation, costuming, melodies and beauty.

For Township Collector.
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of township collector for Rock Island township, subject to the republican township convention, March 18 and solicit the support of my friends.

(Adv.) W. H. CARPENTER.
All the news all the time—The Argus.

SPENCER SQUARE THE FINEST PHOTOPLAY THEATRE IN THE WEST

Proper Ventilation—Genuine Pipe Organ, played by an artist

TONIGHT.
ALICE BRADY in
"The Woman in 47"

is a wonderfully, impressive photo drama, in which the temptation, struggle and final happiness and recovery of her lost ground by a young immigrant girl—A girl's struggles to avoid the pitfalls of man.

COMING FRIDAY
"BETRAYED"
Drama of today with a romantic, Indian setting, starring the film favorite,
Grace De Carton
as an Indian girl
Hear the Famous Rialto Quartet
Prices, 10-15c; Boxes, 25c; Children, 10c

IN A CLASS BY ITSELF

MAJESTIC
DON'T MISS THIS BIG ATTRACTION

FRIDAY
Anita Stewart and Earle Williams in
"MY LADY'S SLIPPER"

Tonight—"The Missing Link" and "Because He Loved Her," a Keystone comedy. Go where the crowd goes. There's a Reason.

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TOMORROW
A SCANDAL AT SEA
L-KO comedy
Missy (Laemmle feature)
Flivver (Nestor comedy)

SATURDAY
The Little Mascot—Rex feature
When Three Is a Crowd—Nestor comedy
Babbling Tongues—Big U drama
GRAFT
The Insurance Swindlers

SUNDAY
'Across the Rio Grande'
Bison feature
"Pants and Petticoats"—L-KO comedy
"Slightly Mistaken"—Baker comedy
"The Underworld"
Drama

ILLINOIS THEATRE
Rock Island.
Thursday, Feb. 24
The Laughing Song Play
"Seven Hours in New York"
18—Song Hits—18
10—Unique Dances—10
2—Spectacular Sensations—2
Prices 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

ILLINOIS THEATRE
Rock Island.
Saturday, Feb. 26
MOLINE THEATRE
Sunday, Feb. 27.
Matinee and Night.
Season's Greatest Musical Comedy Sensation—Perry J. Kelly offers
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In their charming new musical attraction,
"MY HOME TOWN GIRL"
Fifty People.
Stage full of girls—An entertainment of freshness and originality—Symphony orchestra.
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